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The following communication was sent to us by the Rev. J. H. CREIGHTON, of Ironton, detailing the sad fate of one of the victims of the nefarious liquor traffic. The account of the death of Owen Hoy, calls for the sympathy of every lover of the human race, to put forth his hand and aid the friends of Temperance in the adoption of the Maine Law in this State. Talk not to us of "Moral Suasion," with men who are so base as to sell his neighbor liquor enough to take from him life. How can such a man look at the orphan of the murdered father and expect to meet his God in peace? We say give us the Maine Law, as nothing else is of any avail.

Below will be found the proceedings of the citizens of Ironton.

Ironton, O. Dec. 30, '53.

MR. CLARK.—Dear Sir: A few days ago a man named Owen Hoy, was found dead under a tree with a quart

The night was hardly cold enough to freeze him to death, but the rain and storm was very sharp, and being far gone with the whisky disease, he could not endure such exposure. The enclosed bill was posted up in various places throughout Ironton, and a meeting assembled in the court house accordingly, whereupon the annexed resolutions were passed. I passed the place of his death a few days after, and it was truly horrible, there lay his blue coat and brown vest, and at the foot of the tree, the broken pieces of his bottle, (the neck and corn-cob stopper I picked up for a relic.) There lay his garments yet; the grave has his body and the liquor seller his money.

Respectfully,  
J. H. CREIGHTON.

INDIGNATION MEETING at the Court House, Friday evening, December 23, to consider the East Ironton Liquor Traffic, it having resulted in the Murder of Owen Hoy. Let all the citizens attend.

East Ironton Liquor Traffic.

At a meeting of the citizens of Ironton to consider the East Ironton Liquor Traffic, held at the Court House on Friday evening, the 23d inst., F. Golden Esq., was appointed Chairman and R. M. Stimson, Secretary.

Rev. J. H. Creighton submitted the following preamble and resolutions, which, after some remarks by several persons present, were unanimously adopted:

Whereas, this community has justly sustained a great name for sobriety and morality at home and abroad, therefore:

Resolved, 1. That on our borders is situated a vile nuisance community called the "East Ironton Liquor Traffic." That said traffic is increasing in extent and deadly fruits. That

the frequent arrivals of whisky barrels, the ingress and egress of jugs and bottles in the hands of the lowest class of unfortunate tipplers give unmistakable evidence of its extent.

Resolved, 2. That the late terrible death of Owen Hoy, one of our citizens, (reported to be of quiet and peaceable disposition, and when not victimized by the liquor dealer, of industrious habits) was the fruit of the East Ironton Liquor Traffic.

Resolved, 3. That we are not willing to let this melancholy event pass without expressing unminged indignation at the traffic that produced it.

Resolved, 4. That we hereby notify the said traffickers to desist from their murderous business immediately, and should they not comply with this reasonable request of a disgraced and indignant community, they may expect to meet every lawful opposition we can bring to bear on their traffic.

On motion of the Rev. Dan. Young, a committee of three was appointed to seek for evidence in the melancholy case of Owen Hoy, also with reference to the Liquor Traffic generally at East Ironton, and to call a meeting of the citizens at such future time as they might be ready to report, &c., &c.

Rev. Dan. Young, Dr. J. Morris, and W. W. Johnson, Esq., were appointed said committee, to which John P. Merrill was afterwards added.

Voted that the proceedings of this meeting be published in the Ironton papers; and adjourned.

F. GOLDEN, Chairman.

R. M. STIMSON, Sec'y.

For the Organ.  
Letter from Columbus.—Present aspect of political affairs.—The Democracy in trouble.—Whigs contented and happy, having nothing to lose.—Free-soilers looking for better days.—Temperance men wide awake.—Important preliminary movement!!!

To the Publisher of the Organ.

BROTHER CLARK.—Ill health has prevented my writing you at an earlier period, respecting the assembling and organization of our present legislature. Suffice it to say now, that both houses were duly organized, without any more delay than was necessary to carry out *pro forma* the determination of the Democratic caucus of the Saturday evening previous. There are, however, many curious things transpiring, the detail of which would be amusing, did the space you can allot to me permit my digressing from the subject, which to your readers is of paramount interest. I will, however, just remark, that beneath the smooth surface of the political current, on which the dominant political party seems now to be gliding along so quietly, there are diverse under currents of turbulent waters that threaten a serious and permanent disruption of the great party which in this State has so long acted as an Unit. These contending factions, are, for the present, smothering their wrath as far as they can, each with the hope that by some chance, or dexterous turn of

the political cards, the whole weight of the party may be thrown into their side of the scale, and their opponents be buried beneath the crumbling ruins of Whiggery. The Whigs, what few there are of them, are to all appearance perfectly contented. They walk as blithe and cheerful, as though the entire responsibility of the affairs of the Nation was lifted from their shoulders. They rest under the full conviction that nothing they can do will resuscitate their party, and that nothing their opponents can do, will make their situation less enviable; and so with the most perfect sang froid they await the issue of the contest that is surely approaching, between the two (or four, as the case may be,) wings of the party, which now has its foot on their necks.

The Free-soilers are, as usual, a feeble folk; but having the philosophy of the negro, who said, "Blessed be those who don't expect nothing, for they ain't quine to be disappointed," they are also very contented and happy. They look for the approaching Democratic convention as certain to be productive of good to them, because they expect the Democracy of Ohio will, on that occasion, forsake the "Ohio Platform," which has two or three planks that have the outside show of Free-soilism upon them, and go over bodily to the Baltimore substratum, which, according to their views, has no taint of "liberty for all" about it. Should the Ohio Democracy take that ground, as they probably will, then it is presumed that many Democrats will forsake them, and join heartily with the "Free Democratic Party," which henceforth, according to their prophecy, is to be the only formidable opponent of that party which now bears undisputed sway in our state and national councils.

And so in the general stand, the various political parties at Columbus, at the opening of this second Assembly of the Legislature under our new constitution. As a body of men, my own observation agrees with the remarks made by others, that in gentlemanly bearing and intellectual physiognomy they will compare favorably with any previous General Assembly. I think for the most part they are now sober and temperate men. I have heard of only one drunken row among the members, and that was, 'as I am informed,' chiefly confined to a large delegation from a single county, where open pledges were given, in advance, that each man would do his utmost to defeat the enactment of any law restricting the traffic in intoxicating liquors. I presume these gentlemen will practise what they preach, which too many reformers are slow to do.

As to temperance men.—PROHIBITORY LAW TEMPERANCE MEN.—I am happy to say that our expectations are more than realized. Politically, they are of all parties, and relatively, I think, they are about equally divided among the parties—that is, I think some of the strongest temperance men are Democrats, and that there are as many or more of them De-

mocrats as of any other political faith. Of the Free-soilers, all are believed to be true Maine Law men, and so of a majority of the Whigs; while some of the bitterest opponents are of the latter party.

One thing has been a ready developed: Our temperance friends are neither afraid nor ashamed to be known as such. They have already taken a bold and open step, have met in an open, public manner in the Senate chamber, and organized themselves (preliminarily) as a Legislative Temperance Club or Society; have appointed an executive committee of five to devise ways and means most efficiently to combine and unite the strength of the true friends of the cause, and to bring the subject of an effectual and stringent prohibitory law directly before the legislature for their definite and decisive action.

Most sincerely do I congratulate your readers, and all the true friends of the cause every where on this auspicious beginning of the legislative campaign. I have taken ample notes of the proceedings of this preliminary meeting, and will, if I get time, give you such abstracts of them as may give your readers a bird's-eye view of the sentiments of the representatives which they have sent up to Columbus to look after their interests, and to defend them from this accursed liquor traffic.

Sincerely yours,  
ARIEL.

A lady's age having been once questioned, she affirmed she was but forty, and called upon a gentleman who was in company, for his opinion. "Cousin," said she, "do you believe I am in the right when I say I am but forty?" "I am sure, madam," replied he, "I ought not to dispute it, for I have constantly heard you say so for these ten years."

False happiness renders men stern and proud, and that happiness is never communicated. True happiness renders them kind and sensible, and that happiness is always shared.

There is a gloom in deep love, as in deep water; there is a silence in it that suspends the foot, and the folded arms and the dejected head are the images it reflects.

Attach thyself to truth, defend justice, rejoice in the beautiful. That which comes to thee with time, time will take away; that which is eternal will remain in thy heart.

DERIVATION OF BUSS.—Buss, to kiss. Rebuss, to rise again, Blunderbuss, two girls kissing each other. Omnibuss, to kiss all the girls in the room.

Let us not love those things much which we are not sure to live long to love, nor to have long if we should.

A pedant holds more to instruct us with what he knows than of what we are ignorant.